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X Tsuguo Hidaka: Winchell related, "G-men have arrested a member of the Japanese royal family. He is Tsuguo Hidaka, a reserve officer in the Japanese army and is related to the Japanese Emperor. The prince was arrested as an enemy alien."

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Giuseppe Mario Brancucci: In this comment, it was stated, "The FBI has arrested another Italian Fascist, Giuseppe Mario Brancucci, who was on the staff of the Italian Consulate and was formerly an attache at the Italian Embassy in Washington."

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6. Registration Act and Sedition Matters, George B. Fischer: Winchell has referred to Fischer in two previous broadcasts, and tonight described him as one who had donated "big money" to William Dudley Pelley, who is now in prison, having been convicted on sedition charges.

Winchell further stated, "I revealed recently that Fischer was - of all things - an airplane spotter at Darien. This is to acknowledge with appreciation the report from Darien authorities that Fischer has been removed from that job."

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Joseph Hartery, with aliases: Winchell stated that "Joseph Hartery, who has a long criminal record, was one of the right-hand rabble rousers for the notorious Joe McWilliams. Hartery, who was recently arrested for sedition, will be sentenced on October 25, 1942. He faces twenty years in prison or a \$10,000 fine, or both. Joe McWilliams, his former leader and inspiration, remains untouched by the law. How come?"

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Kenneth Alexander: Winchell referred to a recent article written by him and published by the Liberty magazine entitled "Americans We Can Do Without." In referring to this article, he stated, "In a second such article mention was made of Kenneth Alexander, once Pelley's right-hand man, and who was formerly in charge of the Silver Shirts in California. That brief mention in the article in regard to Alexander brought me a tip that he was in charge of enlisted men at a Southern training camp, which is hardly a job for a man who once served Pelley and his subversive organization. This tip went to the FBI, and Alexander has been discharged."

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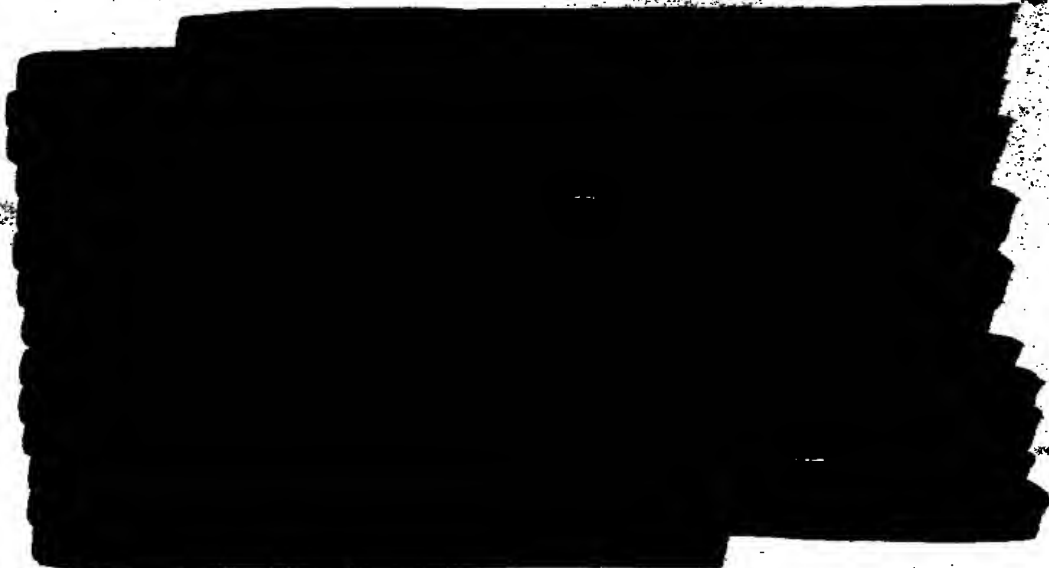
The file also contains a short note from Winchell to the above effect, which was date stamped in the Bureau

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7. Matters of Possible General Interest. Plane Crash at Botwood, Newfoundland: Winchell mentioned the crash of a United States airplane at Botwood, Newfoundland on October 4, 1942, and stated that there were thirty-seven people on this plane, ten were killed and the remainder were injured.

Information in regard to this incident was received today, October 4, 1942, from the Washington City News Service, together with a list of dead and injured. No information has been received which would indicate that the crash was a result of sabotage.

Supreme Court Justice Murphy: Winchell stated that Supreme Court Justice Murphy has reportedly further complicated the Supreme Court situation by requesting combat duty.

It will be recalled that Justice Murphy is a reserve Army officer.

President Roosevelt's Tour: Winchell derided the newspapers for their gripe in not being allowed to release to the public the facts concerning President Roosevelt's recent tour of the nation. Winchell, in pointing out that the safety of the President was all important, commented, "A Nazi short-wave once notified another free people where their leaders were. That was when several leaders of Poland were traveling. As a result, the Nazis bombed the train. The German and Japanese short wave, however, did not notify the American people and their agents that the President was traveling, as this fact was not known. The United States Secret Service took great pains to

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to see that the Axis did not find out." Winchell also favorably commented in regard to the United States Secret Service for their work in this regard.

Brazilian Decoration of Secretary of Navy Frank Knox. Winchell stated that the President of Brazil at Rio de Janeiro has recently decorated Secretary of Navy Frank Knox with the "Grand Order of the Southern Cross."

Missing Persons Announcements. Winchell, in answering his mail, stated, "The rules prohibit missing persons announcements over a national net work broadcast."

This information is being recorded as of possible interest in relation to the Bureau's Missing Persons files. It is not known whether this statement by Winchell is correct, or whether he intended to convey the idea that his sponsors prohibited his making such announcements.

Respectfully,

W.S.C.
W. S. Crawford

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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October 5, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Charter Heslep, Night Broadcast Desk, Broadcast Censorship, advised by telephone that a news broadcast at 9:00 P.M., October 4, 1942, over WMAL contained the following items:

1. Washington dateline. Joseph M. Brancucci, formerly connected with the Italian Embassy in Washington, was arrested as a dangerous alien.
2. Des Moines dateline. The FBI arrested a Japanese prince, who is a relative of the Japanese royal family.
3. Rio dateline. FBI crush daring Gestapo effort to steal war plans of the United Nations.

Mr. Heslep stated that no sources were quoted and that he desired to know if the FBI authorized the release of these items. He seemed to be in a hurry to get this information and informed the writer that he usually gets this right away from Mr. Nichols. He did not identify the broadcast.

ACTION: As it was noted that this broadcast was that of Walter Winchell, he was advised that it would be impossible to check at night, because of his uncertainty about the names of the persons mentioned. Mr. Heslep stated that he will make his inquiry through the regular channels today.

Respectfully,

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Date: October 17, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MUMFORD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL

Attached hereto is photostatic material concern-
ing the captioned matter obtained by the Washington Field
Office from the files of [redacted] the National
Republic Magazine. This material was made available gratu-
itously [redacted] and was forwarded to the Bureau by
letter from the Washington Field Office dated August 27,
1942.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
K. R. McIntire

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WICKHAM, VALTER, columnist, born N.Y.City, April 7, 1907, to Jacob and Jennette (Rohat) W. Joined original Guy Edward's review on one of Broadway theaters; began newspaper work on staff Vanderhille News 1929; columnist and dramatic critic Evening Graphic 1934-35; columnist Daily Mirror since 1935; also broadcaster over radio. Married June (Lester) Aug. 1933, N.Y.City. Address 285 E. 65th St., N.Y.City.

(See p. 128 of WED'S WED IN AMERICAN JURY - 1938-39)

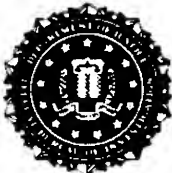
WICKHAM, VALTER Newspaper man, Columnist, Radio Broadcaster. B. April 7, 1907, in N.Y.C., s. of Jacob and Jennette (Rohat). He was educated in the public schools of his native city and began his career at the age of 18 as a singing waiter in a Harlem nightclub. In 1929 he joined Guy Edward's first long run as one of the Broadway theaters. He became manager for one of Guy Edward's vaudeville acts and later did his own shows and song act. He enlisted in the U. S. Army for the duration of the World War, returning to his vaudeville activities in 1926. Two years later he joined the staff of The Vanderhille News, conducting his stage career, and in 1934 he became Columnist and Drama Critic for the N.Y. Graphic. Since 1935 Mr. Wickham has achieved a national reputation as Columnist for the N.Y. Daily Mirror, his column being syndicated also in over one hundred other newspapers in the U. S., Alaska and Cuba. He is well known as a radio broadcaster and contributed articles to The Bookman, Vanity Fair, Life and other magazines. In 1933 he married June (Lester), and they have one daughter, Valda. Home: 125 East 78. St. Office: Daily Mirror, 285 E. 65th St., N.Y.C.

(See pages 282-283 BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN JURY -

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Notice the discrepancy in the two sketches. Will try and get court record on legal change of name by father and date of same.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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October 18, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
October 18, 1942

The following items which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were commented on by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. German-American Bund Trial. It was stated that the Department of Justice would sum up its case against the German-American Bund leaders in Federal Court next Tuesday and that it was expected the jury would be charged the following day.

The Bureau is fully aware of developments in this case, and it should be noted that memoranda reflecting the status of the trial were submitted to the Director October 15 and 17 last. The prosecution began summing up its case this past week and the Bureau has been advised, contrary to the statement of Winchell, that this summary was concluded October 15 last.

2. Registration Act, Sediton Act, and Related Matters.

Franz K. Ferenz - German-American Vocational League. Winchell stated, "Two years ago the name of F. K. Ferenz was shouted from coast to coast by this newsboy. Ferenz, we said, was the Los Angeles agent for Hitler. He replied at the time with threats of a million dollar libel action which never came off. The other day at the trial out there, a witness for the Government testified that Ferenz was the head of the West Coast branch of the German-American Vocational League. This organization, it may now be told, put up money for the trip to Germany of one of the eight saboteurs who recently landed from a German submarine."

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As to the statement by Winchell that the West Coast branch of the German-American Vocational League put up the money for the trip to Germany of one of the eight saboteurs, it is known that at least one of the saboteurs was contacted by a representative of the national organization - not the West Coast branch - in regard to returning to Germany, but it was not determined that the expenses to Germany were actually paid by the League. It appears that the expenses were paid by the German Consulate in New York City

As you are aware, the Bureau conducted an extensive investigation in regard to the German-American Vocational League and the records of the organization were seized after our entry into the war. All information developed by this inquiry has been made available to the Department. The Bureau has not been advised to date of any contemplated prosecution.

Agnes Waters. Winchell began this particular comment by stating, "The following is directed to the FBI, the U. S. Secret Service, and other agencies responsible for the protection of the President. The other day a meeting of the House Military Affairs Committee was interrupted by the screams and vilifications of Agnes Waters. She was ordered ejected. Waters has a long record for similar incitements. At a meeting held by phony patriots a few months ago, she not only denounced the President, but demanded his impeachment and then screamed, 'He ought to be killed,' and others in the crowd yelled, 'Let's do it,' and despite the fact that this took place in 1942 - months after Pearl Harbor - nothing has been done about Agnes Waters. Why is that?"



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Ex-United States Senator Rush Holt. It was stated that ex-Senator Holt, "who was named as a dupe for Nazi Agent Vierick, is seeking an office again in the West Virginia Legislature."



Alleged Pro-Fascist Groups Recently Organized. It was stated, "The new movement to bring together all pro-Fascist groups and similar elements got under way secretly a few weeks ago. Isolationists at odds against the Administration met on the night of October 3 at an apartment on Lower Park Road in New York City. One of the leaders of it once led a phony patriotic organization which has since been discredited. A conspicuous figure at this undercover gathering was the Eastern representative of Elizabeth Dilling now facing charges of sedition and conspiracy. The fact that these persons are consulting with the new group indicates that they all bear close scrutiny by the Department of Justice."

It was not possible to determine the locale of this meeting, nor was it possible to ascertain the names of the anonymous individuals referred to by Winchell. It is suggested that this matter be referred to the Internal Security Section, so that the New York Office might be instructed to develop this information.

3. The Illinois Prison Break. Winchell stated that the FBI has now joined the Illinois police in a hunt for Roger Touhy and his gang. He observed "G-men had trouble digging up a law on which to base Touhy's arrest. He and the others will be charged with a draft violation for failure to advise a draft board of a change of address."

Process is now outstanding against the seven jail breakers. The United States Attorney in Chicago was consulted and complaints were filed before the United States Commissioner in Chicago on October 17 last charging all seven escapees with a violation of the Selective Service Act, and warrants were issued on that date. As you are aware, this technical jurisdiction was obtained under the Selective Service Act, which requires prisoners before being released to register in accordance with the Act. Information has not been received by the Bureau, however, as to whether the warrants have been non ested; but, of course, all are being treated as fugitives. Seventy five thousand wanted notices for Touhy and ~~Banghart~~ were printed last night by

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the Bureau and were to be mailed out today. It has been learned that I. O.'s are to be issued in regard to all seven escapees at the earliest possible time.

4. Matters of Possible General Interest.

Enemy Propaganda. Winchell criticised those persons in this country who argue about how to conduct the war, stating that such comments were enemy propaganda and aided the Axis cause materially. He derided the so-called "drug store Admirals, the club room Generals, the Monday morning Flight Commanders, and the cafeteria critics" stating they should not argue about how to win the war or how Americans should die.

United States Navy Desires Enlistment in the WAVES. Winchell stated that the Third Naval District has recently indicated that that district alone could use twenty thousand WAVES so as to allow men to go on combat duty. He stated that the women are needed for exciting assignments on shore and positions will be open in the communications, censorship, intelligence, and supply sections. He also indicated that the basic requirements for officers are that they be between twenty-one and fifty years of age and college graduates. The enlistees must be high school graduates, between twenty and thirty-six years of age. Married women are not eligible if their husbands are in one of the Armed Services, or if they have children under eighteen.

It is thought that this comment might be of interest as it appears that members of the WAVES are now being considered for positions in intelligence work as well as various other bureaus of the Navy. You will recall from a previous memorandum by the writer that a representative of ONI recently advised that women are now under consideration for positions in ONI.

Need for Employees in Hawaii. It was stated that the War Department Emergency Corporation is in great need of two thousand men for construction jobs in Hawaii. It was indicated that the pay is very high.

It was thought that this information might be of interest as a representative of the Civil Service Commission has recently indicated that the Commission has been requested to certify approximately forty-six hundred employees for work in Hawaii. This representative recently contacted the Bureau in regard to securing an identification search, and was advised that upon the submission of finger prints this search would be made. As you will recall, the Liaison Unit has been conducting informal name checks for Civil Service for some time, and arrangements are being made to handle the subversive checks of these individuals in accordance with this established procedure.

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Commendation of the Bureau and the Department by the American Federation of Labor. Winchell stated that the American Federation of Labor at its recent convention in Toronto, Canada passed a resolution commending the Department of Justice and the FBI for their respect for Constitutional rights in time of war.

As you will recall, local newspapers recently carried articles in regard to this resolution.

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DIRECTOR

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October 25, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
 Sunday, October 25, 1942

During his broadcast tonight Walter Winchell mentioned that three international swindlers, one an Australian, were arrested in Mexico City on a tip by the British authorities. These men were named John W. Forbes, A. E. Dawson, and I. E. Kell (or Keld, phonetic).



Mr. Winchell mentioned that G-men and two hundred police rounded up fifty Japanese aliens at Houston, Galveston, and Huntsville, Texas, who had been found living in Military and defense plant sectors.

Information regarding these pick-ups was furnished to the Bureau by the Houston, Texas Field Division telephonically on October 23, and was confirmed by teletype on October 24, at which time Houston indicated that it had obtained sixty-four Executive warrants from the United States Attorney to be used in connection with these apprehensions.

Mr. Winchell stated that General Manuel B. G. Gomez, Chief of Cuba's Home Securities, is presently in Washington as the guest of the Director.

He made reference to certain "peanut Hitlers," the twenty-four leaders of the German-American Bund who recently were convicted and sentenced to five years each. As a result of the good work done in this matter, Winchell saluted the Department of Justice, the FBI, Attorney General Biddle, and the Director. He added that the country also owes its thanks to Federal Agents neys Correa, Corcoran, Hilly, Bender, and McDonald.

Mr. Winchell also reported that a Federal Grand Jury in New York City

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shortly would investigate new charges against Bund members who tried to tamper with the Jury which convicted the twenty-four Bund leaders mentioned above.

This statement was checked with SAC Drayton of the New York Field Division, who advised that the New York Office has no information indicating that this Grand Jury had been tampered with or that any action was contemplated.

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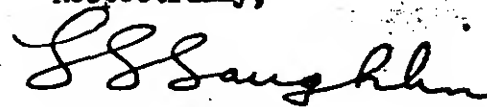


According to Winchell, William Powers Maloney recently returned from the West Coast and brought back with him certain individuals who had been spreading Nazi propaganda in the press. These men were William Coogan, Leon BeAryan, and David Baxter, who presently are in the "clink" in Washington. One Robert E. Edmondston, also returned by Maloney, is out on bail for the same charge.



Mr. Winchell also commented on the statement that Senator Nye made on the floor of the Senate during the past week to the effect that he, Wendell Willkie and Henry Luce were spreading disunity in the country. Winchell stated that Senator Nye had made speeches, inserted Nazi propaganda in the Congressional Records, and also permitted this propaganda to be mailed under his frank.

Respectfully,


L. L. Laughlin



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. W. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
October 11, 1942

The following items which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were commented on by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. The Pennsylvania Railroad Train Wreck. Winchell stated that the Washington-bound passenger train of the Pennsylvania Railroad was derailed this evening injuring two passengers slightly. He indicated that traffic was resumed a few minutes before 9:00 o'clock.

The Newark Office has advised that three cars of the "Senator," crack passenger train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, were derailed at 8:28 P. M. between Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, and Newark. Agents have been assigned to make inquiry in regard to this wreck. The Newark Office will furnish the Bureau with the results of this inquiry.

2. Attack on Congressman Martin Dies. Winchell stated that Congressman Dies will be attacked by Congressman Elmer J. Holland of Pennsylvania. These charges, according to Winchell, will be of a serious nature.

3. Illinois Prison Break. The prison break of Roger Touhy and his jailmates was mentioned by Winchell, and he stated that some evidence had been developed which indicated that the break was definitely an inside job. Reports were said to have been received by the Illinois authorities from all over the country in regard to the whereabouts of the desperados. These reports indicate, according to Winchell, that they have been seen in Tennessee, Indiana, Michigan, and Chicago.

4. Removal of Italians from the Category of Alien Enemies by the Department. It was stated that Attorney General Biddle will announce in New York City tomorrow night that aliens of Italian birth are not considered as enemies of the United States.

The Bureau has been advised by the Department that this announcement is to be made. You will recall that the Department has been making alien study for some time.

5. Attorney General Biddle Will Not Consider an Appointment to the Supreme Court. Winchell stated that Attorney General Biddle has announced

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he will not accept an appointment to the Supreme Court Bench if the same is offered to him. The White House, according to Winchell, intimates that the post vacated by Justice Byrnes will be vacant for some time.

6. Sedition Matters. Winchell, in referring to the recent indictment of twenty-eight individuals by the Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., who have been charged with conspiracy to violate the Selective Service and Registration Acts, observed that Gerald L. K. Smith and Joseph Camp, who were allegedly connected with this group, were not indicted and are continuing to function as before. Winchell expressed the opinion that the activities of these two individuals were dangerous to the internal security of this country.

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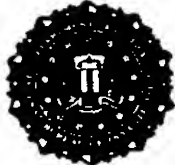
7. Accusations against William Dreschel. Winchell described Dreschel as the former Marine Superintendent of the North German Lloyds Steamship Line, who, two weeks after the burning of the Normandy, was charged by the McCormack Congressional Committee as having collaborated with Nazi agents in the burning of the Normandy. He was also said to have admitted before this Committee that he paid \$125,000 in bail money for Nazi agents who were arrested in the United States. One Congressman was said to have charged Dreschel of being the nation's number one Nazi spy. Winchell observed, "These are serious accusations against Dreschel and the security of the country. Dreschel is entitled to his day in court, and the American people to a good night's sleep."



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Respectfully,

W. S. Crawford
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 12, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
OCTOBER 11, 1942

Reference is made to your penned notation on Mr. Crawford's memorandum to me in regard to the Walter Winchell Broadcast of October 11, 1942

This is to advise that all pertinent information in regard to [redacted] mentioned in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the referenced memorandum has been furnished to the Department for consideration as to possible prosecution. The Department has advised, however, that although the activities of [redacted] "border on sedition" sufficient evidence has not been developed to warrant prosecution.

As to [redacted] advice has been received from the Department that the evidence developed in regard to these subjects is insufficient to warrant a prosecution under the Sedition Statute and Espionage Statute, respectively.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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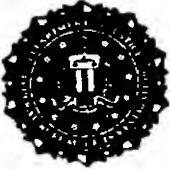
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RE: [REDACTED]

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For your information there is attached a communication which was recently received at the Bureau from Mr. Walter Winchell. In view of the extremely non-specific nature of the complaint, it is recommended that no action be taken by the Bureau in this regard.

Respectfully,

J. P. Coyne

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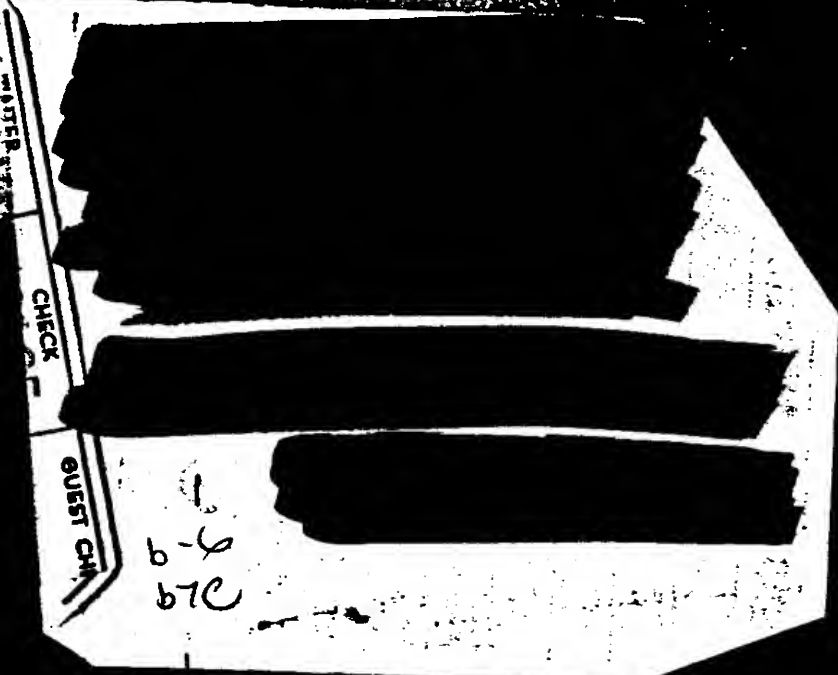
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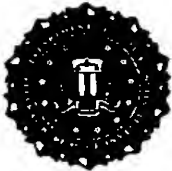
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP

Walter Winchell

For your information, [redacted] the Radio Division of the Office of Censorship recently indicated that Censorship had numerous complaints to make relative to Walter Winchell's broadcast, and indicated that on several occasions Mr. Winchell had given as the excuse for what was genuinely considered to be the premature release of information that he had secured clearance of the same through the FBI and in other instances various government departments.

Winchell [redacted] indicated, has been a thorn in the side of the Voluntary Code of Radio Practices, and he has frequently caused the Office of Censorship's Radio Division much concern.

[redacted] intimated that at some future time he might desire to speak with a Bureau representative in this connection.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
November 1, 1942

The following items which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were commented on by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. Alleged Smear Attack on U. S. Government Officials.

Winchell stated that the F. B. I. has uncovered a smear campaign, which originated outside the United States. This smear attack would allegedly be attempted against many key American personalities. He stated that the "non-fighting, non-Russian Communists" will shortly attack State Department officials, among others. Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Mr. Adolph Berle was said to be the chief targets.

It was not possible to obtain any current information in regard to the alleged smear campaign referred to by Winchell. If you will recall, that the Communists in the recent past, have attacked both Mr. Wells and Mr. Berle, it may be that the attack referred to by Winchell is a continuation of the activity referred to.

2. Registration Act, Sedition Act, and Related Matters.

Fundamentalist Ministers Convention in New York. Winchell stated that a convention which began November 1, 1942, and will continue until November 8, 1942, is being held in New York by the leading fundamentalist ministers of the country. It was indicated that very strong resolutions condemning the Reverend Winrod would be adopted at the convention.



Stephen A. Day. Winchell stated that over a year ago he revealed that Day, who is now seeking re-election to Congress from Illinois, had a book published by the Flanders Hall Company, which concerned was allegedly backed by convicted Nazi Agent Vierick. Winchell commented "Congressman Day's alibi was that he didn't know that the Flanders Hall Company was a Nazi outfit. His manuscript was once given to Vierick and

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Howard Victor Broenstrup - Fugitive. Winchell stated that the F. B. I. had started a nation-wide hunt for Broenstrup, who is described as a former lawyer on the staff of William Dudley Pelley, and indicated that he is now a fugitive from a federal indictment. Winchell requested any persons having knowledge of Broenstrups whereabouts to report the same to the Director.

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Edward James Smythe. Winchell in referring to the arrest of Smythe, stated that he had been mentioned in his broadcasts almost as much as Fritz Kuhn and William Dudley Pelley and Elizabeth Dilling with whom he was sent to of carried on a vicious campaign, which the Department of Justice calls seditious. Winchell further stated that Smythe, who was recently indicted along with twenty-seven other "crackpots", boasted that he would never be arrested, but Friday last he was picked up by F. B. I. agents and is now in federal custody. Winchell observed "those who harbored him, and furnished him with money, together with the owners of the Bar and Grill located on fifty-third Street near the East River in New York City, may now start losing sleep."

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The Mathison, Williams, and Smythe Trial in Brooklyn. Winchell stated that ~~Walker~~ Ray Mathison, Harvey Williams, and Joe Hilton Smythe, who were described as former magazine editors, who are charged by the Federal Government as having been in the employ of the Japanese Government, are to go on trial in Federal Court at Brooklyn, New York tomorrow.

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3. The Romanov Caviar Company. Winchell stated "Congressman Fish replied to charges that he had received three thousand one hundred dollars from the Romanov Caviar Company by stating that he had turned the checks over to the Keep America Out of War Committee. This is to remind Fish and the voters that the Keep America Out of War Committee is among those named in federal indictment, as being fronts for Nazi agent Vierick and other propagandists. U. S. Marshal's for the Department of Justice yesterday served subpoenas on officials of the Romanov Caviar Company, demanding the appearance of these officials before the Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. on November 9, 1942, to explain their reasons for payment of three thousand one hundred dollars to Congressman Fish." Officials of this Company were also said to have made payments to Nazi Agents Auhagen, Frederick Schroeder and Ralph Townsend, Winchell also indicated that the Romanov Caviar Company is still supplying and delivering food to ships in American and Canadian Ports.

Memoranda reflecting the above information were submitted to the Director during the past week, and you will recall that the U. S. Treasury has now taken over the supervision of the activities of the Romanov Caviar Company.

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The Bureau is also aware of the former activities of the "Keep America Out of War Committee" and you might recall that it was named in the recent Grand Jury indictment in the District of Columbia, as a suspicious organization. The Department has been furnished with pertinent information in regard to the above matter from time to time. It appears that information in regard to the Romanov Caviar Company is a matter of public knowledge, as a comment in this regard appeared in a recent column of Drew Pearson.

4. Lester P. Barlow; Winchell in referring to Barlow, described him as the one time head of the "Citizens Protective League," which sought to impeach the President of the United States. Barlow, according to Winchell, is now running for Congress from the state of Connecticut. He further observed that Barlow, at a meeting of a peculiar group called, "The American's Own Guard," sometime ago allegedly stated, "We will form an army of citizens, and march to Washington and throw the Government out by force."

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The files also reflect that Barlow received considerable publicity in connection with his suit in the Court of Claims for approximately one-half million dollars on a charge of infringement of patent rights. This suit related to patent infringements on a bomb invented by Barlow several of which were used by the U. S. Army during the last war. The Court of Claims upheld the validity of Barlow's claims, and judgment was entered in his behalf.

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Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 8, 1942

The following items which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were commented on by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. Hemispherical Security. Mr. Winchell stated that John Edgar Hoover of the FBI had affected the Good Neighbor Policy with every police organization north of the Rio Plata and south of the Yukon. Hemispheric security is now an accomplished fact. The Bureau is fully aware that we have established relationships with all police departments in the hemisphere.

2. Cuban Matters. Mr. Winchell stated on his broadcast that President Batista of Cuba has ordered August Lunig, the convicted German spy, shot by a firing squad within 24 hours. A radiogram was received at the Bureau, November 8, 1942 at 7:22 PM which read as follows: "August. Execution of subject by firing squad appears certain November 11th." It is noted that this probably refers to the above-mentioned individual.

3. Communist matters. Mr. Winchell stated that "throughout the nation last Tuesday all the Communist candidates were complete flops. In New York State, where they are supposed to be the strongest, they polled so few votes that they will lose their place on the ballot. In other words, those who will try to scare you with threats of Communist infiltration will now have to dig up a new bogey man. As a matter of fact, over two years ago Moscow repudiated the racketeering American Communist even more violently than the American voters did last Tuesday." The Bureau is undoubtedly aware of the significance of the Communist vote throughout the United States on election day. Mr. Mumford advised that the statement that "those who threaten to scare you with threats of a Communist infiltration will now have to dig up a new bogey man" will please the Communists inasmuch as at this time they would like to have it felt that there was no infiltration by the Communists.

4. The Edward James Smythe Case. Mr. Winchell advised as follows: "Last Sunday night I reported that the FBI had arrested Edward James Smythe, fugitive from Federal Warrant. Smythe is one of 28 arrested and charged with attempting to undermine the moral of the armed forces and other seditious activities. I said last Sunday that the people in New

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York or elsewhere who harbored Smythe or gave him money while he eluded the G-men could now start losing sleep. The following day the FBI arrested two of them. They are Grace Penn and Conrad Ouer of New York City, both born in Germany and naturalized citizens. The FBI will soon arrest several others in this case which will involve some who were recently elected."

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5. Henry D. Allen—Exclusion Order. Mr. Winchell stated that he had placed the spotlight on an individual named Henry D. Allen on numerous occasions in the past. He stated that he had revealed Allen as a follower of Nazi principles, a comrad and a leader in the Silver Shirt Army of William Dudley Pelly, now in prison as a menace to the United States. He stated that the Western Civil Control Administration had announced on November 3, 1942 the cases of four men in California who were ordered to leave the Western Defense zone because they were dangerous, or potentially dangerous, to military safety. He stated that Henry D. Allen was one of these.

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As you are undoubtedly aware, there is maintained an individual exclusion order index indicating the names of individuals for whom exclusion orders have been considered, issued, served, or accomplished.

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Teletypes advising of exclusions from the Western Defense Command are received daily by the Bureau and it is impossible to ascertain the names and identity of the other three individuals that Mr. Winchell had in mind.

6. Items of Possible Interest to the Bureau. Mr. Winchell stated that the Social Democrats of Italy had formed a strong underground. He said that the King of Italy is finally discredited. He stated that the platform was for the Republic of Italy. He stated that the African defeat has started the following slogan: "Free men in Italy, not slaves in Ethiopia."

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Mr. Winchell stated that the Office of War Information had announced that all those men who wanted to fly and yet were unsuccessful in passing their physical examinations for combat flyers, still could serve their country by becoming a transport pilot, glider pilot, or instructor. He stated that if they made the grade, there was a good chance to obtain a commission in the Army or the Navy.

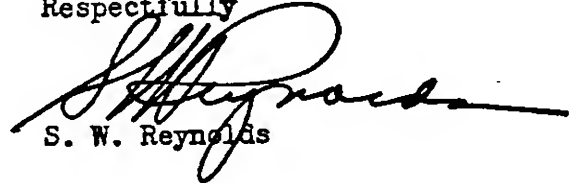
Mr. Winchell mentioned that the Navy is again enlisting applicants for Class B-7, age limit is 18 to under 28. He noted that there was no relaxing of physical standards for B-7, but that a new Division was being

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organized known as the Special Service, which would permit slightly lower physical requirements. He advised that the Navy was interested in all students majoring in Japanese, Chinese, and Russian for this Special Service.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. W. Reynolds', written in dark ink.

S. W. Reynolds



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
November 15, 1942

The following items which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were commented on by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. Registration Act, Sedition Act, and related matters

William E. Riker

Mr. Winchell addressed his remarks to the gullible voters of the state of California who contributed money and votes to a man named William E. Riker. It was stated that Riker had offered himself as a candidate for governor on the Republican ticket in the primaries last August in the state of California, and had received almost 9,000 votes. At one time Mr. Winchell stated Riker posed as a holy man calling himself Father Riker, and all the while was on the suspect list of the federal authorities for alleged seditious activities. He stated that Riker was picked up by the FBI on October 29, 1942.

As you are undoubtedly aware, Riker was the head of the World's Government Headquarters, an organization at Holy City, California. It appeared that this was a religious cult wherein individuals would assign their souls to Riker and become members of the cult. One of the doctrines of the cult was that the white race is supreme, and Riker is alleged to have made statements to the effect that the war against Germany should be terminated and that the United States, Great Britian and Germany should combine their efforts against the Japanese and the Chinese. He is also alleged to have made critical statements to the press. Riker preached among members of the armed forces and distributed literature among these people seeking the termination of the war between Germany and the United States.

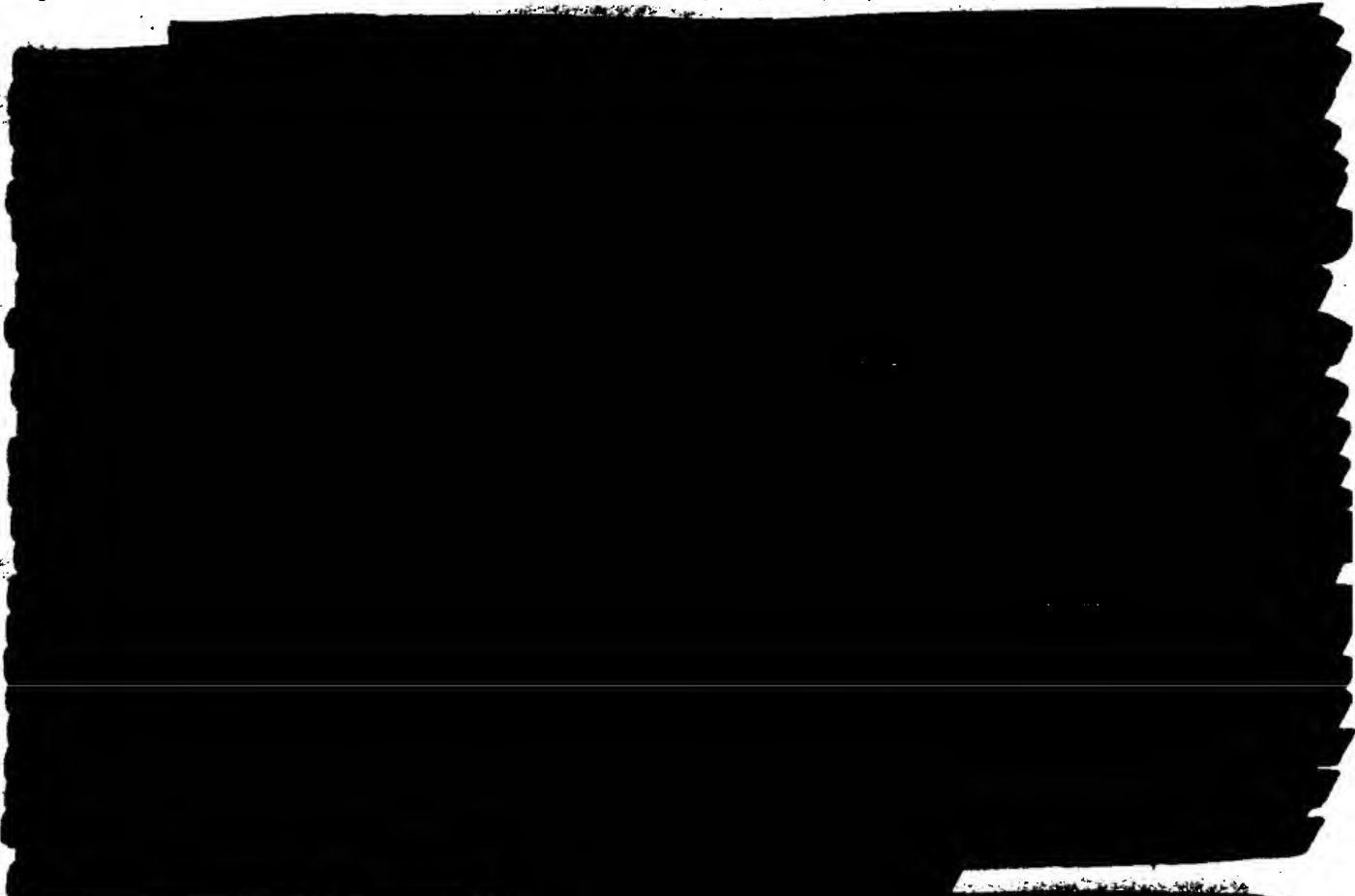


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~~Joseph E.~~ McWilliams

Mr. Winchell stated "Although the War Department this week announced that no more civilians will be commissioned except in very special cases, certain influential snakes are trying to help a notorious rabble rouser get a commission. I refer to Joseph E. McWilliams of New York and Chicago street corners. Following his association with Bund leaders and other pro-Nazis, Joseph McWilliams finally was sentenced to a stretch in a New York jail for disorderly conduct. McWilliams, the Department of Justice will be overjoyed to learn, is now quiet, trying to get into the army as a commissioned officer."



Mr. Winchell remarked that an individual by the name of William Frary was back home in New England tonight after giving the G-men a good reason to investigate his peculiar remarks before the Hempstead Rotary Club the other day. This Frary it appears has told certain gullible Rotarians there that he was a

lecturer instead of a press agent. "The sort of press agent, by the way, who usually gets his name on the front page instead of his client's unless we are to assume that his clients include Nazi Germany." Mr. Winchell stated that the talk that Frary gave aroused the newspapers, and the FBI because he is alleged to have made remarks to the effect that the Americans should not be too harsh in their judgment of Hitler. As you are aware an article appeared in the New York Daily Mirror for November 14, 1942 to the effect that the FBI is investigating "a love Germany speech delivered by pinkish, willowy William Theobold Franz Von Blomberg, 35, German Baron by adoption before Hempstead's Rotary Club, Thursday afternoon.

2. Matters of General Interest to the Bureau

General Weygand

Mr. Winchell reported tonight that a report had been received from London that General Weygand had been arrested on order of Germany according to a French source as announced over the British radio. General Weygand was formerly the French Commander in North Africa. You will recall that Colonel Bissell of G-2 had stated that it had been reported that General Weygand, along with Marshal Petain had departed from France and was believed to be in North Africa.

Mr. Winchell reported that Cuba will bestow upon the Director the highest decoration of the Cuban Republic, and that the reason for the bestowal of the decoration will not be made public until after the war. As you are undoubtedly aware, the Director has been notified of this by General Benitez of Cuba.

Mr. Winchell commented on the fact that some Isolationists were defeated on election day. He mentioned a Congressman Dill (phonetic), the widow of Senator Lundeen, Lester Palmer (phonetic), and Gerald L. K. Smith.

Copies of reports have been forwarded to the Department, and they have recently exhibited an interest in the investigation. This investigation is being pursued actively.

3. French Matters

Mr. Winchell stated "Six more staff members of the French Legation have denounced Vichy and announced their support of Admiral Darlan. All members of the Vichy Embassy will be interned." As you are undoubtedly aware, the State Department has made arrangements for the placing of the members of the French

Embassy and Consulates at the New Hershey Hotel, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Information has been received from Mr. Herbert Cummings of the State Department that certain representatives of the French Embassy, Washington, D. C. had submitted their resignations to Charles Bruggmann, Minister of the Swiss Legation who has taken over the affairs of the French Embassy. Mr. Cummings has advised that these individuals are as follows:

Guillaume Georges-Picot, Consular
Francois de Panafieu, Consular
Charles Lucet, First Secretary
Count Jean de la Grandville, Attache
Jean-Felix Charvet, Vice Consul
Pierre Louis Pelen, Vice Consul

Mr. Cummings has advised that these individuals had requested the Swiss Minister to make known to the State Department that they desired to aid this government, and the Allies in any way possible.

No active investigation has been conducted concerning these individuals, and their names come to the attention of the Bureau only as a result of a compilation of data concerning members of the French Embassy Staff. No information has been received which would indicate these individuals have been engaged in espionage or other subversive activities on the part of the Axis nations.

Respectfully,


S. W. Reynolds

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
September 13, 1942

The following items which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were commented on by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. Jewel Theft in Connecticut. Winchell stated that the State Police of Connecticut has warned society of a mystery woman whose apprehension is being sought because of recent robberies. The latest theft, according to Winchell, was in the amount of \$15,000 in jewels taken from the residence of [redacted] (phonetic) of Greenwich. The Police are looking for this woman, who was described as "titian-headed."

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Although the above matter did not appear to be of interest to the Bureau from a jurisdiction standpoint at this time, this information is being set forth as of possible future interest, as information concerning inter-State transportation of these jewels might be subsequently developed.

2. Alien Study by the Department. Attorney General Biddle was said to be presently making a general study of the enemy alien problem. Winchell stated that he is expected to release soon certain regulations "punishing guilt and not birth."

I discussed this matter with Mr. Strickland, who advised that the Bureau has received no information concerning this study, but it was observed that the Department is giving consideration at the present time to the removing of Italians from the category of alien enemies. It is possible that Winchell was referring to this study.

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Recall of British Subjects. Winchell indicated that the British Consulate, presumably in New York City, had authorized him to announce that the British Government would like to have its subjects, men and women, who are residing in this country, return to England so as to aid in war effort. It was further stated that the British Government would pay the fare of those subjects returning to England, and would contribute to the subsistence of dependents left in this country.

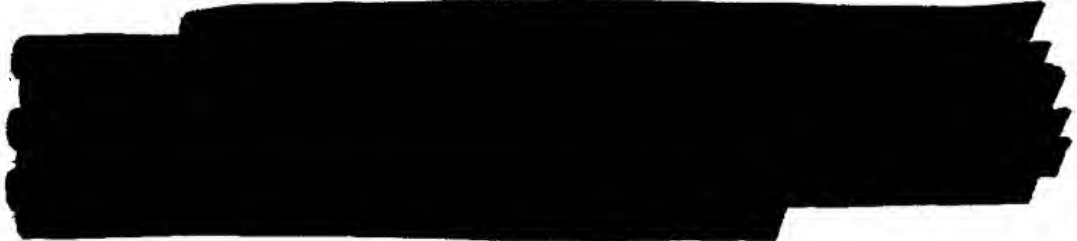
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The above information is set forth as of possible general interest to the Bureau.

4. Sedition Matters. Winchell made the comment, "Now that the Department of Justice has jailed many Benedict Arnolds among us, how about going after some of the financial backers such as George B. Fischer of Darien, Connecticut. Fischer, in case you forget, is the fellow who put up big bail several times for William Dudley Pelley, now doing fifteen years for sedition. His friend Fischer, according to the files, gave Pelley money for his activities. This reminder is passed on to Federal Attorney M. F. Correa, who last week took away the citizenship of several boosters of the Bund. George B. Fischer, Mr. Correa, is a naturalized American, born in Canada."

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Winchell stated that Harvey H. Springer has reportedly been mailing a "broadside" to clergymen all over the nation alleging that "the Government is attempting to silence the clergy." Winchell maintained that the "broadside" by Springer is mainly in defense of Reverent Gerald Winrod, who is awaiting trial on charges by the Government. In regard to Winrod, Winchell stated, "Winrod's sympathy for the Nazis is old news. His activities were recently stopped by the Department of Justice. Springer once wrote articles called "Winrod's Condemned Publication 'The Defender'."





5. Publication 'Sabotage, the Secret War Against America.'
Winchell stated that this publication, which was written by Michael Sayres (phonetic) and A. E. Kahn (phonetic), was recently published by Cotheran (phonetic) Brothers, described as "a reputable book publishing company." The book itself was described by Winchell as "one of the most important and exciting books of the year." He stated, "It is crowded with true documented facts, and it names names from the small fry to the biggest of quislings in Washington, D. C., all of whom are confronted with proof that they have been and still are soldiers in the Army of the enemy." He specifically referred to page 212 of this book, which, he stated, "indicts certain United States Senator's wives."

In referring to A. E. Kahn (phonetic) he indicated that "his counter-espionage has been of assistance to the Government."

A check through the Bureau's file indices, including the publication files, failed to disclose any record of this publication, and apparently it has not been received by the Bureau's Library. The writer discussed this matter with [redacted] of the Sabotage Section, who advised that books relating to sabotage matters were brought to his attention and that this publication had not been received by the Sabotage Section to date.

In view of the phonetic spelling of Mr. Kahn's name, it was not possible to find any information which indicated that he had contributed any information in regard to counter-espionage activities to the Bureau.

It is suggested that the New York Office be instructed to obtain a copy of the publication "Sabotage, the Secret War Against America" as of possible interest to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

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1. Registration Act, Seditious Act, and Related Matters.

George B. Fisher

Mr. Winchell addressed the following remarks to Postmaster General Walker, Attorney General Biddle, and Director John Edgar Hoover of the FBI:

"This is to thank all of you and your Federal Attorneys, your Agents, and other co-workers for making America safer on the home front. The latest mop-up of the William Dudley Pelley gang and their families makes all of us feel more secure back here at home. But please never stop keeping on the alert for those who helped them, such as George B. Fisher of Darien, Connecticut. Federal men, you remember, found Pelley hiding in Fisher's Darien home."

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Mr. Winchell continued in his remarks: "Mr. G. Men, please never quit watching Joe McWilliams of New York City and Chicago. He is the one, you know, who helped pioneer rabble-rousing in New York and elsewhere, and who also helped Smythe and the other Isolationists before Pearl Harbor."

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Mr. Winchell stated: "Keep your eyes on the fellow out in Englewood, Colorado, the one who has taken up the acts formerly performed by the Reverend Gerald Winrod and other individuals. On October 11, 1942, an Englewood, Colorado, man gave a typical swastika sermon before about 400 persons, but among those 400 were 20 men in the uniform of the United States. I am sending a copy of his text in the morning mail."

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Joseph Kamp

Mr. Winchell addressed remarks to Attorney General Biddle indicating that Joseph Kamp of New York would bear continual watching. He stated that Kamp and his Constitution League were among those named in the indictment as a tool and front for the 28 who were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia. Mr. Winchell stated that Kamp was up to his old tricks, and had published a pamphlet about William Powell Maloney and others. Mr. Winchell stated:

"The rest of it isn't important at all, but Kamp might get some gullible people to believe what he sets forth about the constituting authorities of our Government."

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Elisabeth Dilling

Mr. Winchell stated, "Incidentally, Mrs. Dilling made another of her incoherent speeches last week, despite her indictment and bail bond."

As you are aware, Mrs. Dilling was one of the 28 indicted in the District of Columbia by the Federal Grand Jury. Her activities are well known to the Bureau, and all information pertinent thereto has been forwarded to the Department.

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Mr. Winchell addressed his remarks to Postmaster General Walker and stated,

"Please check with the Seattle Post Office and the editors out there. They must know all about a new bunch out there with a very high-sounding patriotic title. It urges a negotiated peace with the enemy. It works for the removal of Congress and the Commander in Chief. The leader of this suspicious bunch is a middle-aged woman who was, I hear, a chief lieutenant for Seditious William Dudley Pelley. The Seattle Post Office is being used by this outfit to mail pro-Hitler pamphlets all over the United States."

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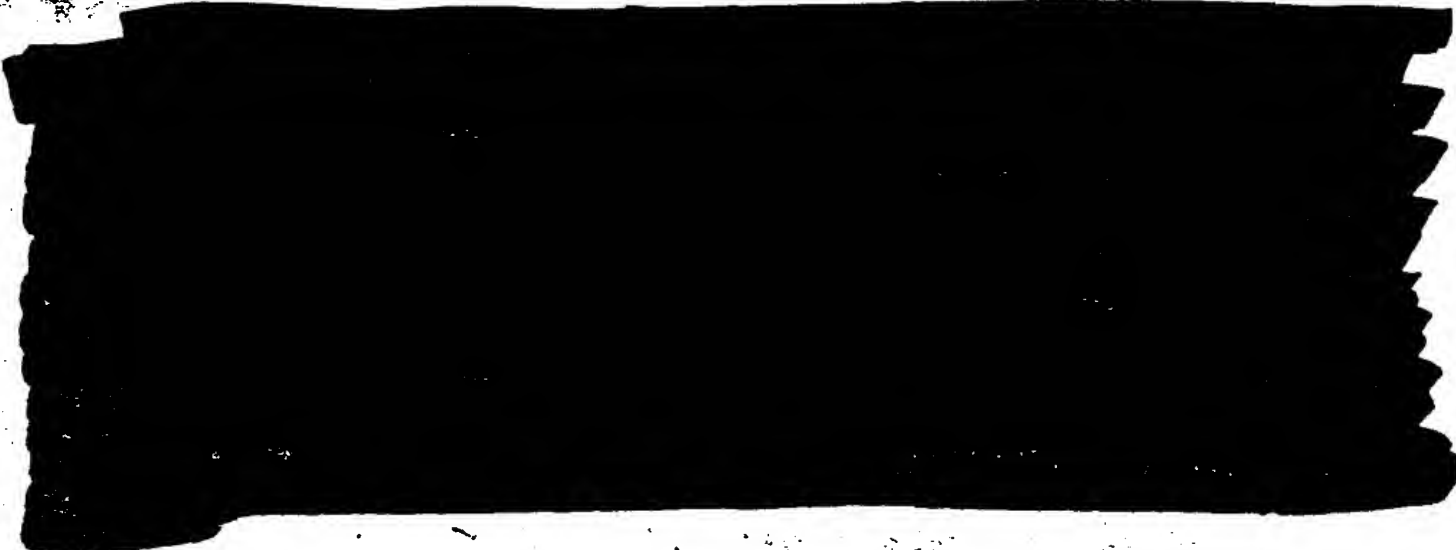
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Mr. Winchell mentioned that an article had appeared on the front page of the Pittsburgh Sun Telegram for November 25, 1942, to the effect that Howard V. Broenstrup, alias Count Cherep Spiridovitch, of the William Dudley Pelley gang, was the last of the 28 indicted to be taken into custody. According to Mr. Winchell, his whereabouts was learned, the newspaper stated, by the Pennsylvania State Police after a Beaver County resident tipped them that Spiridovitch answered the description broadcast on a Sunday night program by Winchell. Mr. Winchell stated that he had broadcast Broenstrup's description, but it was based entirely on a circular sent all over the nation by the FBI.

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

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Martanus Telling - Fugitive
Wilhelm Sieke - Fugitive.

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Mr. Winchell stated that the FBI asked the help of the people residing in the northern part of the United States, to be on the watch for two escaped Nazi war prisoners who fled from a Canadian prison camp on November 7 and will probably head for the United States. He gave descriptions of Telling and Sieke, and requested anyone obtaining information concerning these two Nazi prisoners to forward the information to John Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

As you will recall, wanted notices on these two individuals have been sent out this past week.



Mr. Winchell stated that the Department of Justice had learned the source of the money and the names of the persons behind the fight in New York City to keep a publisher from going before the Washington Federal Grand Jury. He stated that many of these persons had recently become American citizens.



2. Matters of General Interest.

Mr. Winchell stated that on December 7, 1942, Simon & Schuster of New York will publish a new book written by former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, entitled, "Report from Tokyo."

Respectfully,

S. W. Reynolds
S. W. Reynolds.

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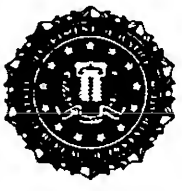
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November 22, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
November 22, 1942

The following items which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were commented on by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. Registration Act, Sediton Act, and related matters



Mr. Winchell commented that another "sinister link" had been determined in the William T. Frary case. Frary, according to Mr. Winchell, made a speech at Hempstead Rotary Club, Long Island, recently and caused "a fuss by praising the Nazis." Mr. Winchell further stated "this conscientious objector, ladies and gentlemen, used a ~~pass~~ to travel to American cities to deliver lectures supporting a love Germany policy." Mr. Winchell also stated that the woman from whom Frary obtained the title of Baron arranged for Frary to meet her brother in Germany." Her brother, according to Mr. Winchell, is one General Werner Von Blomberg, who was Hitler's Secretary of War in 1934.

As you are undoubtedly aware, an article appeared in the New York "Daily Mirror" for November 14, 1942, concerning the speech of William Theobald Franz Von Blomberg before the Hempstead Rotary Club.

The New York Field Office has questioned individuals who heard the speech made by Frary at the Hempstead Rotary Club and has indicated that in his speech Frary stated that he was a cousin of General Von Blomberg, who was one of the principal generals under Hitler and had met Hitler through his cousin Von Blomberg.

The speech, according to the individuals interviewed by the New York Field Office, contained references to former Kaiser Wilhelm; also to the efficiency of the German Army. It was also alleged that he had

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indicated that we should try to understand Germany's problems. According to the file no further investigation concerning this speech is being conducted by the New York Field Division at the present time and the file does not reveal as yet that the Department has been advised as to the outcome of the investigation by the New York Field Division.

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Congressman Thorkelson

Mr. Winchell stated that Thorkelson had filed a lawsuit against Liberty magazine and himself for nearly \$2,000,000 which suit was based on articles written by Mr. Winchell and printed in Liberty magazine.

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2. Sabotage

Mr. Winchell stated that "for the second time since the G-men caught those eight saboteurs the FBI has sent out a warning that another saboteur named Walter Kappe" is said to have left the coast of France in a sub-marine about the same time the other eight left there. Mr. Winchell indicated that his job was the sabotaging of American war industries. He indicated that it had never been definitely proven or established that Kappe and two other saboteurs ever landed in the United States. He stated "every American deserves to be on the alert for them all. This is to warn anyone harboring Kappe or his confederates or anyone keeping information about them from the authorities that they are guilty of treason. Extreme penalty is death." Mr. Winchell indicated that the other two were one Joseph Schmidt, once a Canadian farmer, and a Reinhold Rudolph Barth, a former draftsman for the Long Island Railroad. He indicated that any information concerning these two individuals should be promptly forwarded to the FBI at Washington. As you are aware, the information concerning these three individuals is known to the Bureau. However, it is not known that they ever left for the United States and it is not believed that if they did leave that they left together.

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3. Matters of General Interest to the Bureau

Mr. Winchell stated that the ~~Holland~~ Holland Society of New York had awarded John Edgar Hoover its medal for outstanding civic achievement. He noted in contrast that the congressional medal to Hoover still is pending and is being opposed by Congressman Tabor. He stated "Well, Mr. G-man, medals are very, very nice for some people but always remember this, please; the appreciation of a grateful people remains engraved in their hearts."

Mr. Winchell stated that in reference to the coming Thanksgiving Day that the American people have much to be thankful for. He stated "Hitler's Fifth Column found the United States a paradise just about a year ago and the illustrious Washington 'lollypops' kept yelling that we were at peace just about a year ago. Americans about a year ago didn't know what to do because prominent United States Senators assured them that it would be nothing at all. It remained for the sneaky Japs to decide that for us. The Japs' bombs woke up a nation of Rip Van Winkle's and now we know we must fight to live. That was proven on the battle field. Now we know that Germany was operating on our street corners. That was proven on the witness stand. And now we know that hate propaganda was paid for by Berlin. That was proven by the FBI. We must be thankful for much. Saboteurs must now come by submarines instead of luxury liners."

Mr. Winchell stated that "over \$1,000 worth of War stamps and War bonds was mysteriously stolen from the safe of the War Bonds Sales girl in Rueben's famous restaurant on 58th Street, New York, last night. The robbery, a Federal offense, points to an inside job." This appears to concern a matter over which the Bureau does not have any investigative jurisdiction.

Mr. Winchell stated that the New York State Police at Fallsburgh, New York, are dragging the bottom of the Hudson ~~River~~ River at Fallsburgh, New York, searching for the body of a gangster who was once the chief of Brooklyn Murder, Incorporated. He stated that the Fallsburgh scene is where the late Chick Sherman's (phonetic) body was finally found wearing a cement overcoat. The files fail to reveal that the Bureau has conducted any investigation in connection with these cases and this is set forth as a matter of information.

Respectfully,


S. W. Reynolds

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MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. TOLSON

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Mr. Walter Winchell told me last evening, with reference to his Sunday evening broadcast wherein he mentioned Baron William Theobald Franz Von Blomberg, that these statements were based upon a file given him by the Boston Globe, and that Von Blomberg is definitely a Conscientious Objector.

He advised Rose was sending the Director the complete information today.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols
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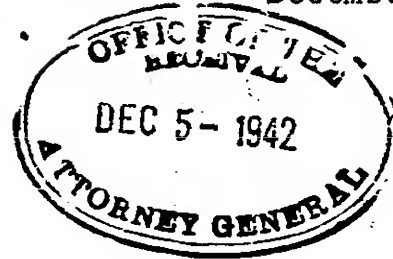
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December 3, 1942



Hon. Francis Biddle
Attorney General of the U.S.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Last Sunday night I listened to a radio broadcast by Walt Winchell in which over the radio he called upon you and Mr. Hoover to stop certain activities of persons whom he named and whom he said were alien enemies and guilty of acts of sabotage.

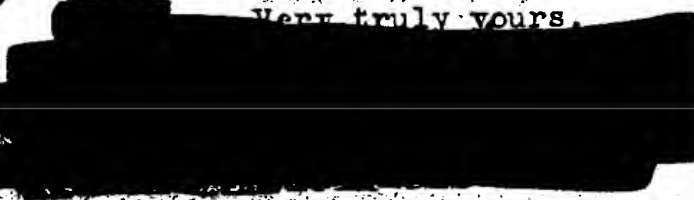
The object of this letter is to say that my reaction to Mr. Winchell's talk is that he was just as guilty of wrongful acts as he was accusing others of. What I mean is that if Mr. Winchell knew of any wrongful acts perpetrated by these or any other persons, he should give that information to you or Mr. Hoover privately. The broadcast of it might have just the opposite effect of that which it should have.

All such activities as those of which Mr. Winchell spoke should of course be suppressed and their perpetrators punished. But the radio to which many people listen should not be the means of communication to you or Mr. Hoover and I think such talks as Mr. Winchell gave last Sunday night should be edited or perhaps suppressed. I have written this because I consider it my duty to let you know that such things are being said over the radio.

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Very truly yours,



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Dear [Redacted]

Please be advised that your letter of recent date directed to the Attorney General, has been referred to this Bureau. Your interest in bringing this matter to the attention of the Federal Government is appreciated.

You may be assured that your letter is being made a matter of record in our official files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Ladd *dl*

RE: Walter Winchell substitute Broadcast
Sunday, December 13, 1942.

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The announcer on the Jergens broadcast stated that Winchell was on leave of absence and was out of the United States on a confidential assignment.

In Winchell's absence a program entitled "Three Thirds of the News," was handled by news commentators and analysts, Baukhage, John Gunther and Robert St Johns. The following news items were discussed:

By Baukhage

1. (Cairo) Word that final drive to push the Axis out of Africa has begun. Axis forces have been pushed from their strong position at El Agheila, Libya and are now retreating westward.
2. (London) British submarines have moved to the Libian shore and have sank at least four Axis ships bearing Axis supplies.
3. (London) Germans have struck twice at Allied lines in Tunisia. Allied bombers are striking along the Mediterranean Coast.
4. (London) Naples is for the third time in forty hours, bombed.
5. (Dakar) West Africa will share common war effort with Morocco.
6. (Moscow) More Germans encircled west of Moscow. Germans are counter-attacking in increasing strength.
7. (Ankara) U. S. will assist Turkey if she is attacked.
8. (Wash. - Navy Release) Japs have again struck at Guadalcanal, but have failed. One Jap destroyer sunk, perhaps two, six damaged.
9. (Bureau) New Guinea) Japs fighting over piles of their dead.



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Memo to Mr. Ladd (Immed)
RE: Walter Winchell Broadcast.

10. (Southern China) Japs drive to knock out China has begun. Well formed Jap attacks have been launched from Burma. Allied bombers and stiff Chinese resistance have met the attacks.
11. (Randolph Field, Tex.) General Arnold told cadets the U. S. had a secret weapon or two up it's sleeve. By this he ment the new "Battle Wagons" of the air which would drop hundreds of bombs every day and night on Germany and Italy.
12. (Washington, D.C.) The 77th Congress (The war congress) dies this week but the new congress is going to be a "tough baby" with a Republican ratio of two to three.
13. (New York City) A strike of 3,300 members of the Newspaper and Mail Delivers Union has been called to begin with the first edition of New York city's Monday morning tabloid newspapers.

By John Gunther

Rehash of the News


1. A complete shake-up has been announced in the German Military high command. Army chiefs of staffs have been named. General Halter will head the staff. New Navy and Air chiefs were appointed.
2. British 8th Army is on the move. This is undermining German and Italian moral. Hitler has said that "He will never desert Germany in hours of defeat." This is considered a remarkable statement coming from Hitler.

By Robert St Johns

1. (London) R.A.F. have blasted northern Germany, France and the low countries.
2. (London) The story of Major Lonyosenski (Phonetic), a Polish refugee and now in England is flying with the R.A.F. as a squadran leader.

As can be noted from the above outline of the broadcast no matters of direct interest to the bureau were mentioned.

Respectfully,


R. R. Roach

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
December 20, 1942

In the absence of Walter Winchell, Baukhage, Gunther, and St. John commented on the general items of current news value. No topic was mentioned which appeared to be of particular interest to the Bureau.

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S. W. Reynolds
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *LS*

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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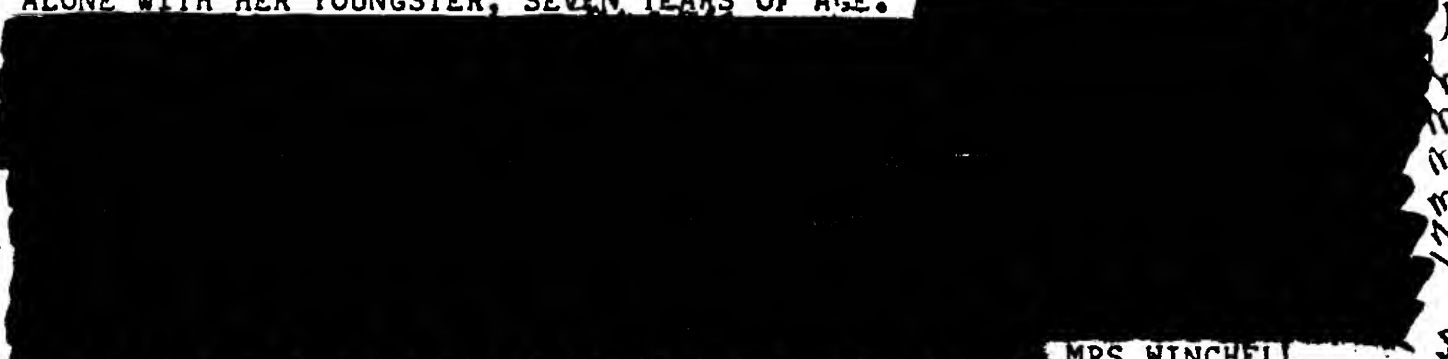
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HAND. LAST NIGHT MRS WALTER WINCHELL, TWELVE ACRES, FORT HILL ROAD, SCARSDALE, NY, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE WAS PRESENTLY AT THAT ADDRESS ALONE WITH HER YOUNGSTER, SEVEN YEARS OF AGE.



MRS WINCHELL WORRIED OVER FACT THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS MIGHT IN VISITING BAR ROOMS, RESTAURANTS, ETC, MAKE STATEMENTS CONCERNING PRIVATE LIFE MR AND MRS WINCHELL, EXACT ADDRESS, LOCATION THEIR HOME, AND STATED SHE FELT MUCH BETTER AFTER HAVING GIVEN THE INFORMATION TO THE FBI. MRS WINCHELL ADVISED SHE HAD NO FEAR REMAINING IN HER HOUSE ALONE BECAUSE THERE WAS ADEQUATE POLICE PROTECTION. DURING CONVERSATION MRS WINCHELL EXPRESSED HER ADMIRATION FOR DIRECTOR AND FBI. THE ABOVE BEING REFERRED TO BUREAU FOR INFORMATION. NO ACTION APPEARS NECESSARY BY THIS OFFICE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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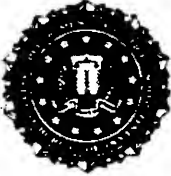
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST -
January 10, 1943

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No item was mentioned of particular interest to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

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Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

Charles Michelson, a Washington political correspondent for many years and lately resigned from the job of press agent for the Democratic National Committee, bids a sour farewell to journalism. In an article in *Editor and Publisher*, he says that practically every important exclusive news story emanating from Washington stems from a breach of faith, perhaps the violation of an oath of office, and he says Washington newspapermen, though regretfully, color their stories to suit their bosses.



These be pious thoughts from one who, in the same piece, compares himself, in his own newspaper career, to a receiver of stolen goods and who, in recent years, saw no impropriety in accepting \$10,000 a year from a big radio corporation having delicate dealings with the political agency known as the FCC while he retained his job with the New Deal party and his latch key to the White House.

But, to consider his allegations, it is necessarily true that most, by far, of the breaches of faith or violations of the oath of office during the last 10 years are chargeable to members of the party which he served and always with partisan bias. They were in the majority, at times overwhelmingly so, in Congress, and they monopolized the executive and administrative posts from which the leaks occurred, including the White House which, he says, is the leakiest establishment in the government. Indeed, one memorable leak, timed to occur when the victim of the story was away on the other side of the world, was a matter of deep, personal confidence between the victim and the President himself, a fact which tends to confirm Charlie Mike's remark about the fallibility of confidence in the Executive Mansion.

In another case, a Cabinet member traded little exclusive news tips for friendly publicity but that one, it happens, was not dealing with a newspaper reporter. He was trading favors with a radio outlet. Mr. Michelson thinks well of radio, for, he says, his party had to take to the air to get its message across in recent elections.

In another instance, J. Edgar Hoover in Miami, held up news of public importance to which the public was entitled when it matured, beyond the

hour when the Miami papers had gone to press, in order to give it exclusively to a broadcaster who had slavered him over with personal ballyhoo. Hoover's explanation was that he was paying a debt to one who had conducted propaganda to compel Congress to increase his appropriation. Thus the nonpolitical FBI made politics against Congress through a stooge.

It is Mr. Michelson's contention that anti-New Deal editors have been the sole offenders in the matter of coloring Washington news. Chapter and verse would serve better than generalities and it is impossible for the decent American press to reply in the absence of a bill of particulars. But, aside from the Chicago Tribune, which frankly angles the news out of Washington and found in John Boettiger, the President's son-in-law, an enthusiastic angler, no other case comes to mind among the press which is frankly anti-New Deal in its editorial policy.

On the other hand, the Tribune's political emphasis in news dispatches is temperate and dignified by comparison with the brutal blackguardism of several conspicuous New Deal papers, whose correspondents, at least two of whom have reasons not to use their true names, he would seem to regard as sincere and ethical journalists. For it is a fact that those who love the President most, express that affection, not by praise of him and his policies, but by vilification of his opponents in such ferocious terms that any critic of the administration, whether in Congress, in print or on the air, knows in advance that he will be personally abused by lies and innuendoes which he can never hope to catch up with.

This critic of the American press is one who was complacent in the political company of the Hague machine, the rascals of the Long regime after the Second Louisiana Purchase, the corruptioners of Albany, Kansas City and Boston, the rioting Communists of Michigan and the subtler Muscovites spotted in the New Deal bureaus, and the appalling extortionists of the AFL.

News and discussion of these elements of the party which he served for a price was indeed unfavorable to the party which actively colluded with them, but the files will show that President Roosevelt has had command of Page 1—and plenty of space inside—throughout his rule and that his views have been thoroughly presented to the people, usually in his own words.

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